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Dear Ms. Hesse:

I understand that the pending settlement in the case of US v. Microsoft is currently going through a Tunney Act review and you are collecting public comment. Please accept this letter as an expression of support for the settlement being proposed by the Department of Justice.

As a State Senator from California, I am very concerned about the amount of money Attorney General Bill Lockyer has wasted on this case. Our state has a budget deficit of over \$6 billion. To even consider spending millions more on the case against Microsoft is unconscionable. How can we continue using taxpayer dollars on this issue when we are trying to find ways to cut spending everywhere else?

The remedies being proposed in the settlement are more than adequate. The national economy has been damaged enough. It is time that we, as leaders, take the steps necessary to ensure this country is given an opportunity to rebound from recession. Refusing to settle the case against Microsoft and wasting even more money on the issue is irresponsible.

Once again, I hope the settlement in the case against Microsoft is accepted and the case is brought to a close.

Sincerely,

RAYMOND N. HAYNES
California State Senator